

## OLD WORLD'S TROUBLES.

### Social, Political and Military Disturbances.

Severe Engagement with the Afghan Hill  
Men—Temporary Disaster to the Brit-  
ish Cavalry—The Irish Agitators  
—An Irish Tenant Evicted—  
Shelter Denied his Fam-  
ily—Spain, &c., &c.

**Miscarriage of a Military Movement.**  
LONDON, Dec. 12.—The *Daily News*, in a special article, says that the Russian army, which had been dispatched from Cabul, dated to-day, at 11 o'clock, to the north.  
On Wednesday General MacPherson occupied Sarki Kotal just in time to prevent the junction of the two main bodies of the Afghans. The Afghans, who occupied a position near the Kotal, were attacked and dislodged, leaving six of their standards. Our loss was a few men slightly wounded. The Russian army, which had been on the way of Chur Asia to take them in the rear, while General Maury, with a force of artillery, two squadrons of the Ninth Lancers and one squadron of the Grenadier Guards, were attacking the Afghans from the front, General MacPherson by the way of the Churgh Valley for combined movement, with the object of cutting off the retreat of the Afghans to the north. General Maury, on completing his march round

charge, but without apparent effect, on the vast body of the enemy. The country is most difficult, being cut up by numerous water courses. Fougues in retiring were upset, spiked and abandoned, and the enemy, greatly increased in numbers, made for the Cabanatuan. We were checked there by a detachment of the Seventh Highlanders from the Sloopier cantonment. The enemy then turned toward Ibañá, and now occupy the heights overlooking Ibañá River. They are admirably fed, and 1,000 or 1,500 in number, with considerable arms. They lost heavily by the cavalry charge and artillery fire, but never wavered. Our loss is believed to be eighteen killed, including two lieutenants.

The guides have arrived from Lattahundi, and General Baker is coming from Mardan."

The *Times* in its second edition publishes a dispatch from Cabul, dated Thursday, which says: "The combined movement of Generals Mussey and MacPherson miscarried. The cavalry arrived at the point of junction too early. It encountered

**Official Report of the Engagement.**  
Lecture, Dec. 12.—The official account of the engagement between General Mussey's command and the force under Mahomed Jan shows that General Mussey, while attempting to intercept the enemy, was attacked by great numbers. His cavalry, being abandoned the field, overturned the guns and the reported charges. The guns were not recovered until the arrival of the British and their force. The enemy later attacked the British in the hill south of the Bala Hukra, but were beaten off. The British then proceeded to the hill and the combination of the tribes against the British is extirpable.

**Lord Lytton Unjaded.**  
LONDON, Dec. 12.—It is stated at the India office that Lord Lytton telegraphed from Calcutta to-day that he had been shot at by a drunken Englishman, but that no one was hurt.

**The Irish Land Troubles.**  
CASTLEBAR, Dec. 12.—A sub-sheriff of Mayo, accompanied by a large force of police, has gone to Loughmore to evict the farmer, Delaney, to permit the Government to carry out the Balaia meeting of the 22d ult. to be held.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The grand jury at Carrick-on-Shannon have found the trial jury against Michael...

Reuter's agency, Rea, counts for Mr. Killen protested, and advised Mr. Killen to remain in prison. Subsequently an application for bail was made in Mr. Killen's case, but it was ordered to stand over. The execution of the autopsy was accomplished quietly. The bodies of the two men who were forbidden to shelter the temporary family, which at last accounts remained by the roadside.

**Political Excitement in Spain.**

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A dispatch from Hendaye, France, to Reuter's says: "Letters from Madrid state that the Independent press declares that Spain has announced that it will not send any more Morriste troops by a course of parliamentary in-

explained the purpose, especially to certain categories of explanation of the Cabinet crisis, spoke in very energetic terms. His remarks open a prospect of political agitation and parliamentary conflict on Cuban questions. During a stormy sitting of the Congress on the 10th instant shouts of "Long live the Republic!" were raised in the spectators' gallery, and some of the public was consequently excluded on Thursday. Military precautions have been taken in Madrid. The Constitu-

Alonzo Martinez Rinz and Romero and Generals Cassola and Sanz to insist upon explanations by President Canovas Del Castillo and the president of the congress relative to their un-constitutional treatment of the Constitutional party in the settling of the 10th instant. It is stated that very serious news has been received from Cuba that all the military commanders in the island have resigned. The Minister of War has already received the resigna-

**A Call on Minister Waddington.**  
LONDON, Dec. 12.—A dispatch from Paris to the *Times* says: "The presidents of the three groups of the Senate yesterday waited on M. Waddington, President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs. M. Ferry, secretary of the Department of

more decent policy. M. Du Clerc, the Senator from the Department of the Landes, for the pure left, urged that the government should watch over the strict loyalty of all functionaries, and M. Terrou, from the Department of the Var, for the Advanced Left, asked for a purging of the reactionaries and for the cessation of the ill-treatment of the Communists in New Caledonia. M. Waddington acknowledged that much had still to be done as to the functionaries, though it was not always

his utmost interest the wisest of the last, who stated that the only proved case of ill-treatment had been dealt with by the dismissal of the guilty, and engaged that if the pending investigation revealed other cases, severe punishment should follow. M. Waddington concluded by giving a favorable account of foreign affairs.

1831, he stopped the firing, and said that the firing was an absurdity which no general would have ordered, and was doubtless begun by young hot-headed recruits.

**A Steamboat Lapse Controversy.**  
New York, Dec. 12.—The suit of the people of the State of New York against the Philadelphia & New York Steam Navigation Company was before

charter had been violated, and that there had never been a meeting of stockholders since the first meeting; that the vessels of the company have been diverted from their regular and legal route between New York and Philadelphia, and put on the Boston, Wilmington and Fall River routes; that several of the stockholders are clerks of William P. Clyde & Co., and were appointed agents of the line; that they held only one share of stock each, which

also alleged that Mr. Clyde has managed entirely, and although there is a regularly appointed treasurer, he has never paid him over any of the funds of the line. There are also charges of mismanagement made. On motion of defendant's counsel Judge Barrett decided it was a case for the jury, and set it over until the January term for trial.

curved at Hattamouth, Nebraska, this morning. Ten or twelve men working in a cut of a grade near the bridge were buried by falling earth, and when dug out three were dead. The only one whose name is known was Homer Robinson. Seven were badly injured, and it is feared others are still buried in the ruins.

to-day visit to make the movie arrests or giving theatrical shows on Sunday until the pending cases are determined, and also modified the order requiring unlicensed shows to be suppressed so as to allow the shows to go on, and the proprietors to be arrested and dealt with according to law. Arrests of the proprietors of all unlicensed places of amusement were made to-night.

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